GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REFERRING PATIENTS TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether in October 2004 , the Delhi High Court had directed Safdarjung Hospital to refer patients to private hospitals who have been allotted land on concessional rates on the condition that they will reserve few beds for poor patients ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Safdarjung hospital has referred the patients to private hospitals as directed by the Delhi High Court;

(d) if so , the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the private hospitals where patients have been referred alongwith the number of patients ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) During the deliberations before the Hon`ble High Court in the Writ Petition on its own motion Vs Union of India and Safdarjung Hospital held on 13.10.2004, the Hon`ble High Court directed that some of the poor/surplus patients requiring expensive treatment should be reffered to National Heart Institute and other such hospitals, who have promised and committed in their Lease Agreement at the time of taking land from Government for providing free treatment to 25% poor/surplus patients. However no written order has yet been received.

(c) to (e) Yes, Four cases were referred to the National Heart Institute, a private hospital.